Embracing the Gospel value of welcoming the stranger, the Catholic Legal Immigration Network, Inc. (CLINIC), promotes the dignity and protects the rights of immigrants in partnership with a dedicated network of Catholic and community-based legal immigration programs across the United States.
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In 2022, CLINIC experienced remarkable growth and success. Our Affiliate network now includes over 400 Affiliates in 49 states, a significant increase from our humble beginnings nearly 35 years ago.

In May, we hosted our most attended CLINIC Convening with 889 registrants, providing training and insights on immigration law and newly developing challenges. Our Department of Justice Accreditation Initiative also had its largest gathering in June, with over 300 registrants.

To support our network’s needs, we have hired 13 new staff members and promoted 11 internal employees this year. This ensures that CLINIC is well-prepared for future demands.

We have actively supported Afghan and Ukrainian individuals seeking safety and security by updating advisories, creating toolkits, and hosting virtual webinars for immigration practitioners and advocates.

In April, through dedicated advocacy by Black immigrant leaders, Temporary Protected Status (TPS) was designated for Cameroon. The Supreme Court also ruled in June to end the dangerous Remain in Mexico policy, and in July, TPS for Syria was re-designated and extended. While we celebrate these victories, we continue to advocate for TPS reconsideration for Venezuela and designation for Mauritania.

Throughout 2022, we collaborated closely with our Catholic partners to educate and serve our collective Church. Our partnership with USCCB resulted in a video emphasizing the importance of qualified legal advice and representation in immigration services, available in English and Spanish.

I am continually inspired by the dedication of CLINIC staff, who utilize their God-given talents and gifts to serve those in need. With the changes and growth, we’ve experienced, I eagerly anticipate what the next year holds for CLINIC and our community.
The Board oversees CLINIC’s work and helps to ensure we make progress on our mission of promoting the dignity and protecting the rights of immigrants in partnership with a dedicated network of Catholic and community-based legal immigration programs.

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Throughout 2022, CLINIC staff worked hard to support its Affiliate partners in responding to the evolving needs of the low-income immigrant clients served across our network. 2022 was a year of global changes and events: the outbreak of war in Ukraine, the aftermath of the U.S. withdrawal from Afghanistan, and a gradual winddown of COVID-19 pandemic travel restrictions.

All of these affected migration patterns and the U.S. immigration landscape. CLINIC rose to the challenge, adapting its services while continuing to address long-standing needs such as state and local advocacy and religious immigration services.

As of March 2022, over 80,000 Afghans had been relocated to the United States, and many lacked permanent legal options. CLINIC created a policy brief to aid in advocacy for legal options for Afghans.

Through a toolkit, webinars, and other legal materials, CLINIC staff sought to accompany the many members of our Affiliate network who were directly serving Afghan clients.

Emerging Refugee Crises

After Russia’s attack on Ukraine in early 2022, CLINIC staff received numerous requests for help from Affiliates across the country receiving displaced Ukrainians. CLINIC staff fielded requests on our “Ask the Experts” hotline and quickly created a Frequently Asked Questions resource for legal practitioners working with Ukrainians. A special session on Ukraine was held at CLINIC Convening 2022, and numerous other resources were disseminated throughout the year.

Advocacy and support for legal services for Afghans seeking safety in the United States were high priorities for CLINIC in 2022 as well.

State & Local Advocacy

In 2022, CLINIC continued its work advocating for immigrants’ rights at the state and local level – a growing sector for engagement on immigration issues.

One area in which CLINIC invested energy in 2022 was advocacy for U visa certification laws. U visas are given to immigrant survivors of certain qualifying crimes in order to allow them to work with local law enforcement to prosecute perpetrators without fear of deportation. They are critical for building trust between immigrants and local law enforcement.

For a U visa application, an immigrant must have a form certified by a certain authority, such as local law enforcement or investigatory agency. The process of getting certification for a U visa can be complex, and state and local policies for U visa certification matter greatly in facilitating the process.
CLINIC offered a webinar series on U visa certification and created a toolkit to help those interested in advocacy.

The resources received great interest across CLINIC’s Affiliate network, demonstrating the need for engagement on issues that deeply affect immigrant communities.

Advocacy for Foreign-Born Religious Workers

In 2022, CLINIC continued its steadfast commitment to supporting foreign-born religious workers who come to serve U.S. communities or undergo religious formation and training in the United States. CLINIC remains the United States’ foremost expert on religious immigration law and continues to serve more than 800 clients per year.

In 2022, religious workers continued to face severe backlogs in their immigration processes, due to high volume of applications, systemic issues within USCIS, and policy changes affecting certain visa applicants. Such delays cause serious harm to U.S. communities — from disruptions in pastoral care, to lack of educators, doctors, nurses, and other roles in which religious workers serve.

CLINIC responded by engaging in advocacy at the federal level as well as creating a policy brief and corresponding advocacy toolkit explaining the immigration challenges facing religious workers and how anyone can get involved in advocacy on their behalf. CLINIC will continue to speak out that religious workers are essential.

CLINIC continues to prioritize helping immigrants on the journey of becoming U.S. citizens. In 2022, CLINIC received a $1 million Regional Hub Grant from USCIS for flow-through support to Affiliates working to assist immigrants applying for U.S. citizenship. Given this commitment to supporting new Americans, CLINIC celebrated Citizenship Week in 2022, highlighting the many ways that naturalized citizens contribute to a flourishing U.S. society.

Impact at a Glance

- 12,800 people participated in a CLINIC training or webinar in 2022.
- CLINIC provided over $1.3 million of flow-through funding to 41 organizations to support direct legal services in 2022.
- CLINIC provided religious immigration services to over 800 clients in 2022.
- 500 average monthly requests received through the “Ask the Experts” portal.
- 43% of all DOJ recognized agencies are part of CLINIC’s Affiliate Network.
- 48% of all DOJ Accredited Representatives are part of CLINIC’s Affiliate Network.
CLINIC’s Affiliate network consists of 420 Catholic and community-based immigration law providers located in 49 states and the District of Columbia. Our Affiliates represent a diversity of local groups — including faith-based and municipal — that defend immigrants and facilitate their integration and inclusion. Affiliate agencies provide authorized immigration legal representation from attorneys and/or Department of Justice accredited representatives at the partial or full level. Affiliate staff range in their years of legal experience, areas of expertise, and language proficiencies. Many Affiliate staff are immigrants themselves.

As part of CLINIC’s network, Affiliate organizations receive individualized technical legal support from CLINIC attorneys through Ask the Experts online submissions. They also have access to Affiliate-only CLINIC trainings and resources, receive monthly e-newsletters, and benefit from expert advice on program management issues, along with detailed reviews of Department of Justice Recognition and Accreditation applications. Affiliate organizations also benefit from and contribute to our administrative advocacy for more just immigration policy at the local and federal levels.
What is DOJ Recognition and Accreditation?

To help low-income immigrants across the country, the U.S. Department of Justice created the Recognition and Accreditation Program (R&A). It regulates non-lawyers who want to represent immigrants before certain government agencies.

Non-profit organizations that want to offer immigration legal services must apply for recognition of their organization and accreditation of their non-lawyer representatives. To become an accredited representative, applicants must work or volunteer for a recognized organization that helps low-income clients, have sufficient knowledge and experience in immigration law and procedure, and demonstrate good character. The organization must provide evidence of the applicant's formal training in immigration law.

Partial accreditation lets representatives provide legal assistance for immigration matters before the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) only. They can counsel clients, complete immigration forms, and represent clients at interviews with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS).

Full accreditation allows representation before both DHS and EOIR (Immigration Court and Board of Immigration Appeals). Representatives with full accreditation can handle cases involving removal, summary removal, rescission, and other proceedings in Immigration Court. They are also authorized to handle appeals to the BIA.
## Revenues

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2022 CLINIC Funders

- California Department of Social Services
- Carnegie Corporation of New York
- Catholic Campaign for Human Development at the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
- Department of Homeland Security – Office of Citizenship
- Immigrant Legal Resource Center - New Americans Campaign
- NYC Mayor’s Office of Immigrant Affairs
- The Public Welfare Foundation on behalf of Foundation Trustee Gumersindo Oliveros
- Raskob Foundation for Catholic Activities
- The Resurrection Project, Illinois Access to Justice Program
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- Silicon Valley Community Foundation
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- Vera Institute of Justice
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CLINIC is only able to fulfill its mission because of our dedicated staff and generous donors.

*We are so grateful for your continued support!*

Thanks to CLINIC’s staff for providing research, information, and data to create this annual impact report.

*Scan the QR code below to make a donation to our efforts!*

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